

Page S-22, bullet 7 has been modified as follows:

- Continue consultation with the Umatilla Tribes, the Warm Springs Tribes, and the Yakama Nation to ensure that the cultural and natural resources are protected.
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Page S-22, after bullet 7, add a new bullet as follows:

- Conduct offsets and buffers around previously recorded and newly identified archaeological sites based on Bonneville practices for avoiding adverse effects to historic properties, tribal concerns and the Oregon and Washington SHPO concurrence.
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Page S-22, bullet item 6 has been modified as follows:

- ~~If deemed appropriate, i~~Install line markers in avian flight paths or migration corridors, ~~such as near crop irrigation circles in the vicinity of the town of Paterson (north of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge) if appropriate and for the Columbia River crossings and the Rock Creek crossing.~~
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Page S-35, bullet item 1 has been deleted as follows:

- ~~Because of the proximity of the proposed transmission line to agricultural fields, crop dusting pilots planning to enter the area would take suitable precautions to avoid collision with the proposed transmission lines.~~
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Page S-35, new bullet has been added after last bullet on the page as follows:

- Should contaminated media be unexpectedly encountered during construction, work should stop and an environmental specialist called to characterize the nature and extent of contamination and determine appropriate State-approved measures to prevent spread and protect health and safety.
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Purpose of and Need for Action (Chapter 1)

Need for Action

Page 1-2, paragraph 2 has been modified as follows:

Two of the generation facilities proposed in this area are the Starbuck Power Project (near Starbuck, Washington), and the Wallula Power Project (near Wallula, Washington). These gas-turbine facilities would generate a total of

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2,500-MW of power. The new transmission line would be necessary to allow the power from these facilities to integrate into the transmission system and would allow Bonneville to grant “firm” transmission service to these facilities. (Firm transmission service is reserved or scheduled availability of the transmission line for sending generated power for a specific term—usually a year or longer.) The Starbuck Power Project was put on hold in February 2002. If either the Starbuck or Wallula generation projects fail to be built, there are other proposed facilities in the area that would be able to utilize the line.

Other Projects or Documents Related

Page 1-5, paragraph 6 has been modified as follows:

This project has been put on hold and all environmental work on this generation project and its interconnection with Bonneville has been suspended. The Starbuck Power Project is a 1,200-MW natural gas-fired generation facility proposed by Starbuck Power Company, LLC that would be located near the town of Starbuck in Columbia County, Washington. Starbuck Power Company has requested an interconnection and upgrade to Bonneville’s transmission system (a 16-mile transmission line would be required). A joint state and federal EIS is being developed on the project. The proposed McNary-John Day transmission line would allow electricity generated from the Starbuck project to flow into the transmission system.

Page 1-6, paragraph 2 has been deleted as follows because the Mercer Ranch Project has been cancelled:

Mercer Ranch

~~The Mercer Ranch Project is an 850-MW natural gas-fired generation facility proposed by Cogentrix Energy, Inc., that would be located adjacent to the proposed McNary-John Day transmission line in Benton County, Washington. A joint state and federal EIS is being developed on the project. The proposed McNary-John Day transmission line would allow electricity generated from the Mercer Ranch project to flow into the transmission system. As part of the Mercer Ranch Project, a new substation would be built next to the right-of-way described in this EIS, and the proposed McNary-John Day transmission line would go in and out of that substation. The potential impacts of building the substation would be analyzed in the Mercer Ranch Project EIS.~~
